

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 11th day of September, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook and a quorum present.

Jennings City Council Members present: Carolyn Simon, District A; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Johnny Armentor, District B

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. LeBlanc.

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting.

There were no resolutions.

Ordinance No. 1741 – an ordinance to assess a collection fee on debts referred to a collection agency. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to adopt Ordinance No. 1741. With no public comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1741.

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Yeas: Anthony LeBlanc, Clifton LeJeune, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Johnny Armentor

Ordinance No. 1742 – an ordinance amending the City of Jennings Code of Ordinances regarding garbage, trash and refuse and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. City Attorney Kevin Millican stated that the mayor would like to table this ordinance for 60 days so as to address the council's questions & concerns. If this ordinance is changed in any way, then it would be presented in an amended version and be introduced and adopted in the usual two month time span. If it were adopted as it was introduced, then it would just take the one month to adopt. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the city was in a contract renewal year and may have to add additions that the contract service company may require in addition to what is stated in this ordinance. Guinn also stated that he was aware that the current service provider may be creating some of the problems. Motion was made Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **PLACE ON HOLD FOR 60 DAYS** Ordinance No. 1742 at the Mayor's request. Discussion by the council & concerned residents followed. Residents who spoke were in agreement with the ordinance and some wanted more stringent enforcement. A resident said that this may be a small issue, but small problems lead to larger problems if nothing is done. Discussion of bulk trash pickup by the service provider was also discussed and meetings were scheduled with the service provider to address problems and new contracts. The council stated that they were aware of the problems and will research the issues to come up with a solution.

Next was to discuss the demo and cleanup of the home at 822 McKinley Street belonging to Jack Porter. The home/structure had been declared unsafe and falling down and needed to be condemned. The Council had allowed the owners 60 days at the July 10, 2018 meeting to make progress on the demo

and cleanup and to report the status with the Mayor by September 8. Ms. Monica Fontenot was in attendance to ask that the council extend them another 60 days from September 11 to finish the demo and cleanup. Mayor Guinn addressed the issue of demolition debris being left in the city right-of-way or drainage ditch. The city will not pick up demolition or construction debris. Debris of this nature must be hauled off by the contractor or owner of the property. Ms. Fontenot assured the Mayor that all debris was picked up and she was checking into getting a dumpster for future cleanup. After discussion motion was made by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **EXTEND ANOTHER 60 DAYS** to the family from this date (September 11) to complete the demolition and cleanup of the property at 822 McKinley Street.

Next was to discuss the demo and cleanup of the home at 941 Gallup Street belonging to Gertrude Dupre. The home/structure had been declared unsafe and falling down and needed to be condemned. City Inspector Phillip Arceneaux stated that the certified letter sent to the owner had not be reported as delivered or returned as of yet. Arceneaux also provided the council with more information from Mr. Rodney Richard, the certified building official, regarding the unsafe condition of this home. After discussion motion was made by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **PLACE THIS ITEM ON HOLD** until the owners could respond to the certified letter.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on September 11, 2018 of the Jennings City Council at 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz
Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council